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Our next meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. May 16th at 1437 Marshall Ave., St. Paul. We would like to extend a vote of thanks to the P. C. Bettenburg Company through Mr. S. L. Stolte, for their generosity in providing us with such a very pleasant meeting place for our St. Paul session.

ELECTION NOTICE

Officers for the year beginning July 1, 1945 will be nominated at the May 16th meeting in St. Paul and voted on at the June 6th meeting in Minneapolis. The successful candidates will take office at the first meeting in July. In the past we have tried to divide and rotate club offices between Minneapolis and St. Paul, and now it is St. Paul's turn to have a president -- just a hint to St. Paul members to pick their man.

HOW ABOUT IT?

Most coin collectors get their start with a few strange and odd looking coins most likely found tucked away in Grandpa's trunk or perhaps it was something they found in change. Then with a real interest and proper guidance by more experienced collectors they, in time, become top-notchers in the field of Numismatics. This bulletin, therefore, is like the beginner. It is new and perhaps a bit odd, but it does have the start. Now, interest and co-operation on the part of each member are the vitamins necessary for its development. As a medium of social and educational interest it can become an asset to every member of the Northwest Coin Club or it can be allowed to degenerate to a burden for a few. If we all put forth our bit the results are guaranteed to be very gratifying.

Suggestions and criticisms are requested as it is the only practical method of producing the desires of the majority. These columns are open to anyone wishing to make use of them. Everyone has their pet coin or series so let's write them up and share the fun with others. Jot down your contributions to your liking and mail to the editor who will see to it that you make the front page.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

It has been suggested that the members could be a bit more active on the matter of displaying their coins at the meetings. There are many attractive ways and means and each with their own merits. Don't attempt to make it elaborate and try not overcrowding it. A few well displayed coins can tell more in a few moments than the average speaker can in great length. ** Another worthy suggestion was the idea of starting a system of exchange and swapping between the members. Such a program could be well handled through the meetings and this bulletin and could become a permanent feature of our organization. Since most coin collectors are "Horse Traders" at heart and generally have a supply of duplicates on hand, this ought to be a positive success.

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The next meeting will be called to order at 7:30 P.M. June 6th at the Curtis Hotel in Minneapolis. High light of the business meeting will be the election of officers. An auction will follow so bring along a few of your duplicates and spend an enjoyable evening.

We would like to extend our thanks to the management and employees of the Curtis Hotel for the many courtesies they have shown us in the past years. The use of their Club Room as a meeting place has long been an asset for which all members are extremely grateful.

At the last meeting held in St. Paul, the nominating committee presented the following candidates for club officers: S. L. Stolte, president; Julius Kurtz, vice-president; Gerald Huber, secretary; Hjalmer Carlson, treasurer; Ode Curtis, historian. Further floor nominations are still in order. Election will be held by ballot at the June 6th meeting with the successful candidates taking office the first meeting in July.

How long have you been collecting coins? Well let me introduce you to an active club member who got his start in 1875 at the age of eleven years. He's none other than Mr. E. S. Lombard, 2517 West 52nd St., Minneapolis. His first coin was a silver piece of the Danish West Indies (now the Virgin Islands) presented to him by his father. He began his hobby in earnest in 1884 when he purchased his first coin from a dealer. At that time he also purchased his first numismatic book, "The Coinage of the World" by Geo. D. Mathews, published in 1876. This fine edition is still a part of Mr. Lombard's extensive numismatic library. Until recent years, Mr. Lombard had one of the finest collections of U. S. coins to be found anywhere. His pride and joy was a complete collection of dimes including all varieties. The majority of this collection has been disposed of but a very fine collection of half dimes, silver dollars and various medals and tokens were retained to afford him continued interest in his hobby. To prove that he still maintains a very active interest you need only recall that he attended the A. N. A. Convention held last year in Chicago. To those of you who have been collecting for a mere 10 or 20 years, this record should serve as an inspired goal.

Congratulations to Weyte Raymond, Inc. on the 100th issue of the new series of The Coin Collectors Journal. This has always been a great favorite among collectors because of its many interesting articles and illustrations and for its value as an up to date reference. The cost of \$2 a year for this bi-monthly publication would be a worthy investment for any interested collector.

It is with sincere regret that we note the passing of one of our most congenial and enthusiastic members, Mr. W. E. Bush of St. Paul. He served as a political science instructor in St. Paul Central High School, a capacity in which he won the respect and admiration of all who knew him. His many friends and associates will miss him deeply.

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* The first meeting of July will be held on *
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* July 11th 7:30 P. M. *
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* Curtis Hotel Minneapolis, Minnesota *
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Everyone seems happy that the election is over, excepting, of course, those who were elected. It will be a new experience for most of them but they are looking forward to a pleasant and educational year. For your own personal record, the line up of the past and present officers are as follows:

<u>1944-45</u>	<u>1945-46</u>	
O. J. Turner	S. L. Stolte	President
Clarence Gott	Julius Kurtz	Vice-President
Julius Kurtz	Gerald Huber	Secretary
Hjalmer Carlson	Hjalmer Carlson	Treasurer
Oce Curtis	John B. Robinson	Historian

A vote of thanks and appreciation was given the retiring officers for the splended way they guided the club during their reign of office. They, in turn, donated their supply of aspirins to the newly elected. Having no competition for office, Hjalmer was stuck and had to buy his own.

Our new president seems to be a man of many wonders. He's not only an ardent collector of U. S. coins but he can walk into his favorite cafe on Snelling Ave. and without a word the waitress will bring him, of all things, a STEAK sandwich. Anyone catching on to his system should drop a line of explanation to "ye editor". I'd like one myself.

The last meeting held in the Curtis Hotel proved to be anniversary night. Those members present who were celebrating wedding anniversaries were E. S. Lombard, his 54th, Hjalmer Carlson, his 23rd, and yours truly for my 3rd. The date being June 6th only goes to prove there always has been "D" days.

Anyone in need of a 1913-s type II Buffalo nickel should try a certain street car in St. Paul. The conductor gives them out in change. (Note: If you have a duplicate 1913-s type II nickel please contact Hjalmer Carlson who needs one to complete his second set.)

Speaking of nickels, a current coin catalog carries an add that affords a smile or two. Because of a typographical error, the add read like this: 1985 Nickel Brilliant Proof, very scarce---\$25. Such rarities as they have now days!!!

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BRING COINS

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* M E E T I N G N O T I C E *
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* The St. Paul meeting will be held *
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* August 15th 7:30 P. M. *
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* 1437 Marshall Ave. St. Paul *
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AUCTION

MATERIALS

Though it is not our next meeting, I would like to give our September 5th session a plug. It has been set aside as "Guest Night" and a program is being arranged featuring small cents as the topic of the evening. Bring along that friend who enjoyed looking over your collection and even that friend who thinks the word is spelled "numismaniacs". It should be a very pleasant evening for all, but don't forget the friend or your display of small cents.

Since that meeting is to be devoted to the subject of small cents it might be interesting to note a few facts concerning the designer of the popular Lincoln cent, Victor D. Brenner. He was born in Russia in 1871. His father was a stone cutter and engraver and young Brenner proved to be an ardent student of the trade. In 1890 he came to this country to continue his studies. At the turn of the century he spent two years in Paris studying the methods of the worlds finest sculptors and medalists but during that time he won so many awards for his own fine work that it may be assumed he was surpassing his instructors. On January 30, 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt granted permission to issue a cent bearing the bust of Lincoln. Brenner's model was selected and the first coins were issued August 2, 1909. Excepting for one detail, its popularity was tremendous. Many people objected to the designer's initials appearing so prominently on the reverse of the coin. To satisfy public opinion the initials were removed entirely until 1918 when they were placed on the truncation of the shoulder as they appear today. Mindful of the disturbance created by the designer's initials, it is also interesting to note that the original model had the word BRENNER on it. . . . Shades of Christian Goebrecht!!!

Just in case anyone should happen to ask you, the Lincoln penny is .062 inches thick and .750 inches in diameter and weighs the sum total of 3.110 grammes. Now if someone will figure out the number of cents it would take to go around the world and how much they would weigh everyone would be happy.

There are so many interesting facts concerning the small cent series that a volume could be filled without too much effort. When such a book is published I believe that the history will create just as much interest and popularity as the coins themselves. With these few facts as a start, let's take leave of the subject until the September 5th meeting, when we will be treated with further interesting what-nots by the speakers of the evening.

STRICTLY MUTILATED

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* MEETING NOTICE *
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* First Meeting of the month will be held *
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* September 5th 7:30 P. M. *
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* Curtis Hotel Minneapolis *
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The above date has been set aside as guest night and we hope to see every member present with his quota. It is not necessary that your guest have any deep interest in coin collecting but our program committee wants it known that they will leave with at least a few lasting thoughts of an interesting evening. While our friend Julius will be present it is by no means a membership drive. If a few of the guest leave realizing that coin collectors are only human beings, more or less, the evening shall be a tremendous success.

Besides all the brothers, sisters, wives, aunts and uncles, nephews and nieces, friends and neighbors, the program of the evening will center around the U. S. Small Cents series. There are to be discussions and displays of these coins and, no doubt, a bit of swapping and horse dealing of the same through our auction. Those of you who have formed collections of these coins are asked to bring them along regardless of condition or completeness. Extremely few have the sets in uncirculated or proof conditions or even complete for that matter, so why not join the majority and bring your set as is. You may find the opportunity to fill that empty space or do a bit of improving on some of those you all ready have. Of course our auctioneer will be glad to take care of any duplicates you may have on hand. Besides all this, one member, who wishes to be referred to as "the Old Timer", promises to give to every member and guest present an uncirculated U. S. coin. While I am sure it will be something other than a \$4 gold piece, who can afford to pass up something for free?

For those of you who have been holding your breath for the answer, George Washington threw a Spanish Piece of Eight across the Rappahannock River. I've had a lot of fun with this question. Up until the time I ran it in the last "S. M." I had asked 162 people the same thing. Of that number, four gave me the correct name of the coin, two named the right river but no one answered both correctly. The rest all said it was a Dollar and the Potomac River. Of course some concessions might be given the word "dollar" since the Piece of Eight was sometimes called the Spanish Milled Dollar, derived from the word "Thaler" and later "Daler", but on further questioning they always stated it as an American Dollar, which is definately wrong. Incidentally, the Rappahannock River is located in the State of Virginia just a short ways south of the Potomac. I hope I didn't cause you any sleepless nights!

Because of the noticeable lack of time and energy and the fact that my crew of noted reporters seem to be on vacations, this special edition is only pint-sized. The next one should be well grown up and may include the questionnaire which will be used as a source of material to complete our coming roster. You might sharpen your pencil and plan on sparing a few moments to fill it out as the completed roster will be well worth the trouble.

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AUCTION	* First meeting of October to be held on	AUCTION
EXHIBITS	* October 3rd 7:30 P. M.	EXHIBITS
DOOR PRIZES	* Curtis Hotel Minneapolis	DOOR PRIZES
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Its that time again, another month and another meeting. Members of the N. W. C. C. at least have one advantage to their credit. They can look forward to something pleasant amidst the usual array of headaches left by the postman along this time each month.

The business session of this meeting will take up the report of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and the general discussion of that subject plus their other pet topic, our forth coming Code of Ethics. Since we desire to include the revised edition of the Constitution and By-Laws and the new Code of Ethics in our Roster, it is necessary to get this work down in black and white as soon as possible. Any suggestions you may have along these lines will be greatly appreciated and will help to speed up the work at hand.

At the present time, the Roster Committee is fairly snowed under with the many arrangement details and so on and will be calling for help before long unless we can give them a helping hand. To ease their situation a bit, a questionnaire will be sent you in a few days. You can do the committee and yourself the most good by filling it out and returning it promptly.

Looking ahead a bit, the club has been invited to hold a future meeting at the home of Mr. Narverud of Howard Lake, Minn. This will be a very pleasant and worth while trip indeed. I have been told by some of the members who have made the trip in the past that you will see a display of coins that will most likely send you home talking to yourself. Ernie Nelson hopes to have some definite plans and arrangements for us at this coming meeting. Another such invitation has been extended the club to meet at the home of Mr. Geo. Edwards of St. Paul. That also should be a most pleasant evening. It seems that we are getting to be almost as popular as an income tax refund.

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For those of you who may be in doubts as to the attendance records of the St. Paul meetings, President Stolte has decided that he must either build an additional wing or locate a few double decked chairs. You are missing a great treat if you haven't been attending lately.
